

Steve Wallace

Eagle takes off from newly-refurbished runway

Tyndall's runway opened Monday after undergoing eight months of renovation at a cost of \$7.9 million.

The project consisted of resurfacing about 5,300 feet of asphalt, extending the west runway overrun 150 feet, installing flush-mounted taxiway lights, replacing approximately 700 feet of concrete, grooving the runway to prevent hydroplaning potential and painting the entire runway.

Being restricted to one runway was difficult for agencies that work on the airfield. "It significantly reduced our ability to fly sorties and slowed down training opportunities. When emergencies occurred, such as an aircraft blowing a tire, runway operations were suspended which had an immediate impact on aircraft waiting to land or depart," said Master Sgt. Gary Wilson,

the 325th Operations Support Squadron's airfield manager. "Having two operational runways provides enormous flexibility. Airfield pavement and asphalt surfaces often require repairs. Having an alternate runway allows airfield management the flexibility to schedule work on the airfield without interfering with flying operations," Sergeant Wilson said.

Commander announces holiday down days

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)—People in Air Education and Training Command can look forward to a few extra days with family and friends during the end-of-year holidays as the result of a new command training schedule.

In a message released July 18, Gen. Hal Hornburg, AETC commander, announced Nov. 23, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 are family days.

These down days, similar to the day off members of the command received July 5, are in appreciation for the tremendous accomplishments, sacrifices and hard work of AETC people, the general said.

Also in the message, the commander instituted a standardized working-day calendar for flying and technical training units. The calendar includes 244 days of training and accounts for the family days mentioned above, as well as a standard Christmas-New Years holiday break in training. For 2001, the stand down runs from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 with training resuming Jan. 3.

The family days and schedule apply to AETC active-duty units, the message stated.

People who have questions about any of these family days should check with their supervisor, who will determine mission-essential staffing. For

military members required to perform duty during the holidays, commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time off during the first week following the holidays, mission requirements permitting, the general said.

Under current rules for Department of Defense civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use of previously earned compensatory time or use of already approved time-off awards, the general said. Group time-off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are prohibited by Air Force Instruction 36-1004, Managing the Civilian Recognition Program.

School starts August 9



Promotion rates raise questions for some

Staff Sgt. Matt Miller
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RANDOLPHAIRFORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — With promotions to staff sergeant hitting record numbers the last three years, Air Force people may be questioning whether so many senior airmen are qualified to step into the noncommissioned officer corps.

The Air Force announced promotions for 20,793 airmen

to staff sergeant July 19 — and more than 56,000 new E-4s since the 1999 cycle.

“Both this and last year’s promotion rates give me concern that young airmen are being put into leadership positions before they’re ready,” said Staff Sgt. Wendy McNabb, noncommissioned officer in charge of the evaluations and decorations section at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. “Some of these people are first-termers who will now be supervising and

training even younger airmen.”

Sergeant McNabb’s doubt is shared by others Air Force-wide.

But senior enlisted leaders say the system of preparing and screening new NCOs works. They point to three factors that prepare new staff sergeants — direct supervisor involvement, Airman Leadership School and commander’s final review — as safeguards against unqualified NCOs.

The role the supervisor plays, from the time these airmen enter the Air Force, is essential in molding a good NCO, said Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, Air Education and Training Command command chief master sergeant.

“The Air Force doesn’t get 10-year NCOs off the street,” Chief Milligan said. “It’s the immediate supervisor who directly influences the devel-

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Seminar starting point for top 3

Master Sgt. Rob Fuller
*325th Fighter Wing
public affairs*

Representing nearly every unit on base, 21 eager NCOs sat waiting Tuesday morning to begin a new journey. Their journey will take them into a new phase of their careers and the fuel that gets them started is the Tyndall Senior NCO Enhancement Course.

The three-day seminar brings subject matter experts from around the base together to provide newly promoted master sergeants and selectees with some insight into the responsibilities of a senior NCO. The course, which is nearly five years old now, was developed to narrow the information gap between professional military education courses.

“We started the SNCO enhancement course as a mentoring tool,” said Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie L. Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing Career Assistance Adviser. “Air Force mentoring did not exist nor did Air Force Instruction 36-2618. The senior leadership here at Tyndall felt a need to help senior NCOs by giving them information to help them be strong senior NCOs. The course was recognized by AETC IG as a best practices in 1998.”

The seminar includes classes on mentoring, effective writing, recognition boards, promotions and professional

organizations delivered by chief master sergeants who are experts in these areas. Guest speakers from the legal office, the family support center and the military personnel flight discuss the latest changes in their respective areas facing new master sergeants. Two of the most popular formats offered in the curriculum are the informal guest speakers and panel discussions. Airmen, commanders and chiefs, to include retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Airey, spend informal periods with the class, sharing their perspective of what a senior NCO means to them.

“The importance of this course is evident in the time, effort and resources the wing leadership pours into it. This includes support from the immediate supervisors all the way to the wing commander,” said Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin C. Hodges, 325th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant. “Although this is not a PME course, it provides new master sergeants with the skills needed to become effective leaders and managers.”

Behind every good program in the Air Force is someone who makes it all come together, and this course is no different. The Tyndall Top Three Organization Senior NCO Enhancement committee members manage the course, scheduling students and facilitating the seminars — a rewarding challenge.

“It’s fulfilling to know new senior NCOs leave the class with information and tools they may have not received in their unit, but will help them be better NCOs and more informed leaders,” said Master Sgt. Brenda Soel, Senior NCO Enhancement seminar facilitator.

Everyone acknowledges that taking three days out of a NCO’s high tempo job these days is difficult, but the feedback at the end is continually positive.

“The SNCO Enhancement Course is extremely informative,” said Master Sgt. Martin R. Chazarreta, 325th Fighter Wing Command Post NCO in charge. “Some of the topics covered during the course were details I wasn’t aware of so far in my career, such as the assignment system, military justice topics and most importantly the senior and chief master sergeant selection process. I encourage every new master sergeant to attend. I think this program should be adopted Air Force wide.”

Over the next few months, the plan is to get all the new master selects through the course, according to Sergeant Soel. This pace means commanders and supervisors will have to continue to be flexible and supportive to keep the course on track.

Reaching the senior NCO tier is a great accomplishment, but it’s not the end... it’s the beginning of a rewarding and challenging journey.

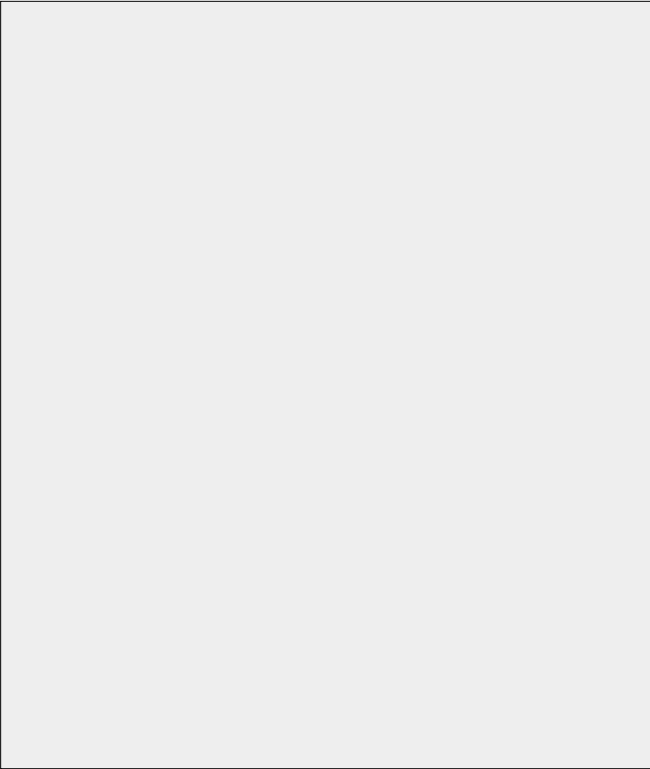
Force structure announcement impacts AETC

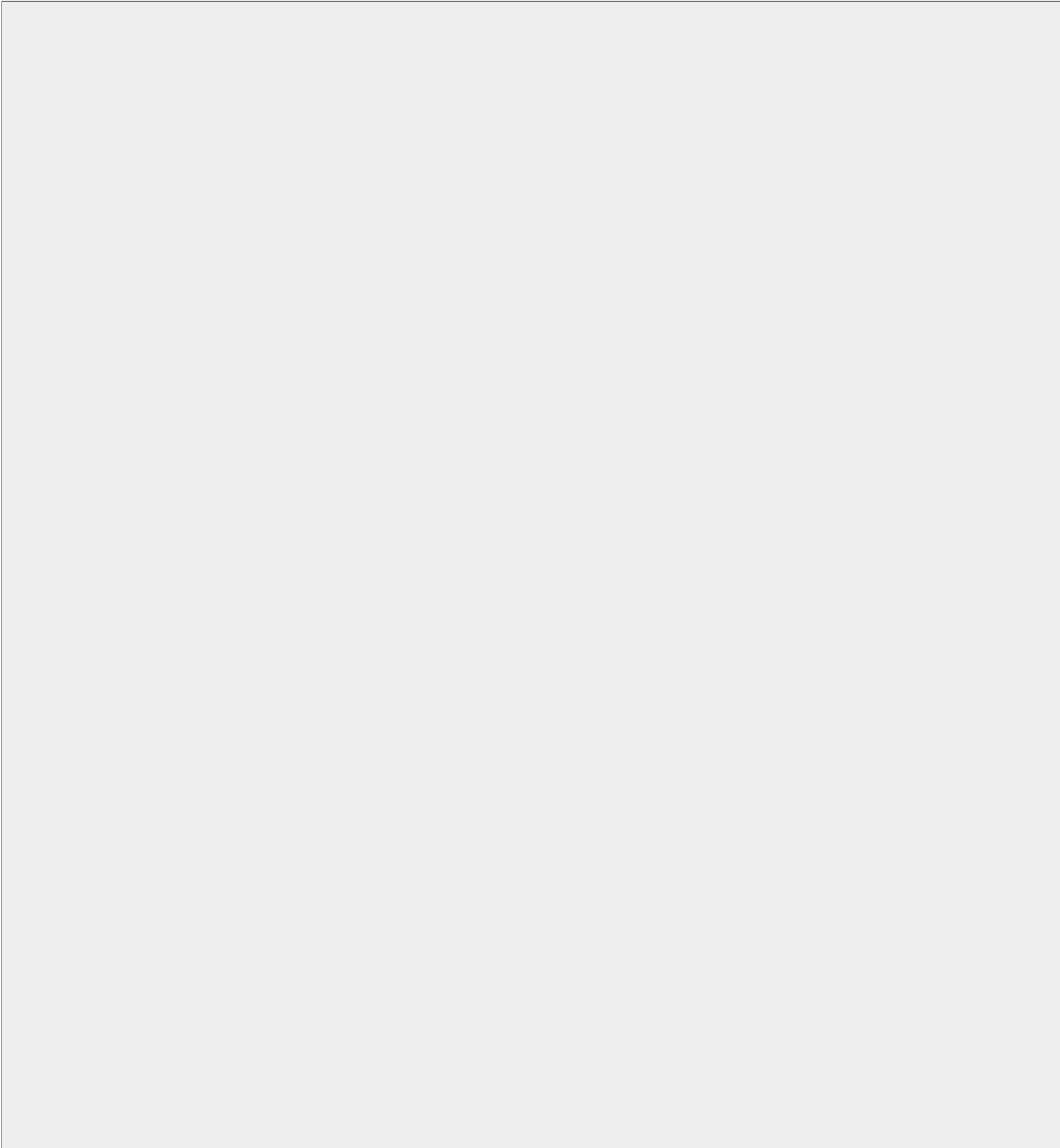
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)- In an announcement released July 27, the Air Force’s proposed force-structure changes will impact Air Education and Training Command installations across the board, mainly as a result of squadron military to civilian conversions and Expeditionary Aerospace Force support.

This announcement addresses Fiscal 2002 force structure, realignment and management actions resulting from mission changes, adjustments for efficiency and both congressional and presidential directives.

In proposed changes for Tyndall, the 325th Fighter Wing gains 17 military and seven civilian authorizations for the standup of F-22 training and gains four military for F-15 maintenance manpower. The 325th Operation Support Squadron will lose 10 military and gain 10 civilian authorizations due to a military to civilian conversion. The 325th Security Forces Squadron will gain 13 military authorizations for Expeditionary Aerospace Force support. Total impact is a gain of 24 military and 17 civilian authorizations.

“These gains are extremely positive for the wing,” said Robby Robertson, 325th Fighter Wing chief of manpower and organization. “Some changes are being made to help alleviate a problem with military manning, while some of the civilian conversions are being made because they will add continuity and more stability to organizations. Over the next couple of years as the F-22 bed-down progresses, numbers will continue to rise.”





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opment of these young airmen. This service depends on the supervisor to show them how things should be done.”

Through mentorship from supervisors, junior enlisted members not only gain valuable job experience, but are also formed into the kinds of leaders the Air Force needs at those levels, he said.

“It’s one of the fundamental building blocks of the Air Force,” Chief Milligan said. “An essential element that gives our new NCOs the tools to mentor another young airman down the same path.”

Then there is professional military education. The Air Force mandates that every senior airman attend the four and a half-week Airman Leadership School prior to sewing on staff sergeant stripes.

“ALS is a key ingredient which prepares individuals for supervisory responsibilities,” said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Eitnier, the Air Force’s chief

of Professional Military Education. “It lays the foundations needed to help airmen take that next step into the NCO ranks.”

More than 180 hours of instruction gives senior airmen an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an NCO.

“ALS provided some unique training that I feel will help me relate to those I will be supervising in the near future,” said Senior Airman Landon Branch, 12th Security Forces Squadron at Randolph AFB, Texas. “The intricacies of the performance feedback and the (enlisted performance report), performing counseling sessions in front of your peers with real-world scenarios and becoming comfortable speaking to a crowd were all aspects of leadership school that I will use continually,” he said.

The biggest concern with ALS is that there may be more airmen waiting to sew on staff sergeant each month than there are slots at base schools.

“We know there is going to be a large number of senior airmen throughout the force who need to attend ALS because of the recent promotion list,” Chief Eitnier said. “But we are optimistic that airman leadership schools across the service will be able to handle the influx of senior airmen needing to attend. It might be a strain on our folks, but they will work hard and get creative to handle the increase. I’m comfortable we’ll make it happen, because this education is important.”

In the event an airman does not get a school slot, because of overcrowding, prior to his or her sew-on date, procedures are already in place where they will receive back pay and entitlements upon graduation — as if they had been promoted on time.

“The Secretary of the Air Force has given AFPC the ability to correct situations such as this,” said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, enlisted promotion and military

testing branch chief here. “And though we believe this will be the exception rather than the rule, any senior airmen who are not able to attend school, because they are either deployed or a slot is just not available, will have their promotion date corrected once they graduate.”

Finally, unit commanders play a big role in whether an NCO is promoted before he or she is ready, because a commander’s recommendation is an essential element of any promotion, Chief Haley said.

“These airmen have done everything that we have asked them to do to be promotion-eligible,” Chief Milligan said. “The Air Force relies on supervisors to mentor young troops, ALS to teach senior airmen and commanders to evaluate their men and women. I have the utmost confidence that these recent promotees are fully capable of leading the world’s best Air Force into the future.”

Both parents’ OKs needed under new children’s passport law

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The State Department now requires both parents’ consent to obtain passports for overseas travel of children under age 14.

The intent of the law is to lessen the chance that parents can abduct their children and use U.S. passports to escape with them overseas, said John M. Hotchner, acting managing director of the U.S. State Department’s Office of Passport Services. He said the State Department is working on about 1,000 overseas child abduction cases.

The law affects servicemembers, who are required to secure passports for spouses and children accompanying them to overseas duty stations, Hotchner remarked in a July 17 interview with the American Forces Information Service. Servicemembers themselves do not require passports, he added, if they are subject to military Status of Forces Agreements that allow them to travel and reside abroad on orders and their military identification card.

Department of Defense civilians, Mr. Hotchner noted, are required to secure passports for themselves and nonmilitary family members who will be accompanying them to overseas duty

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Category	'00	'01	Trend
On duty	1	2	+1
Off duty	10	7	-3
Traffic	5	3	-2
Sports	4	2	-2
Fatalities	1	0	-1
DUIs	14	12	-2

Commander's Corner



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

I'd like to begin this week by recognizing all the people who recently helped recover an F-15 that had its nose gear sheared off before take off. A super team effort from folks in the fire department, services, security forces, communications, Lockheed Martin, fuels, aircraft generation equipment, quality assurance and the operation support squadron made this potentially dangerous event a safe recovery. Thanks for the great job!

A lot is happening lately to include reopening a runway and the start of a new school year next week.

The inside runway reopened Monday after eight months of renovation. The closure had a huge impact on our mission the past few months and I appreciate the patience of all those affected by it. This multi-million dollar project should benefit Tyndall's flying community for years to come.

On the home front, as many



parents know, school starts next week. That means a lot of kids will be out and about trying to catch buses, riding their bikes and walking to school. As we make our way to and from work, we need to be on the look out for children. I know many Tyndall members pass through school zones on their way to work. Please be careful out there. Leave a little early if you have to and don't speed.

Speaking of speeding, it is not only against the law but it is especially dangerous this time of year, with all the rain we are getting. Road conditions become hazardous quickly during a downpour. So watch out when those storms roll in and drive safely. Have a great Air Force week!

Tyndall's chapel schedule

Protestant
Communion Service: 9:30 a.m.,
Chapel 1
General Protestant Service:
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Chapel 1: 283-2691
Chapel 2: 283-2925
Other faith groups: Call
283-2925

Catholic
Daily Mass: noon,
Monday through Friday,
Chapel 2
Reconciliation: After
Saturday Mass or by
appointment
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday,
Chapel 2
Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday,
Chapel 2

Action Line



Honor guard presented check

Col. William Bledsoe, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hodges, command chief, present the Tyndall Honor Guard with a check for more than \$8,000 from the commander's contingency funds to purchase uniforms and equipment necessary for the honor guard's mission.

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If

you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Heat stress can kill

Capt. Todd Rock and 1st Lt. John Latimer
47th Flying Training Wing Aerospace Physiology

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)—At times we may feel as if we're just part of the "Air Education and Training Command world tour" — Vance, Altus, Randolph and Sheppard — where the training missions at each base are similar. Though the missions of these bases are similar, there is also one constant that must be reckoned with at any AETC base — heat stress.

Heat stress brought on by dehydration has an enormous effect on people's performance and can have a catastrophic effect on the mission.

Dehydration adversely affects a person's performance in numerous ways. These effects can snowball. Not taking in enough fluids, feeling weak, slightly nauseous and even apathetic are common symptoms. Simple mistakes start to occur on the ground and in the air. Routine checklist items can be overlooked. G-tolerance is lessened, and the risk of decompression sickness increases.

What is your impact on the mission?



Master Sgt. Matthew R. Standish
325th Services Squadron
first sergeant

Is your job important? Is it easy for you to see the direct impact you have on the mission of your flight, squadron, wing or in the entire United States Air Force? No matter how menial your job may seem, you must know how it supports our Air Force mission: “To defend the United States through the control and exploitation of air and space.”

In some areas the link is readily visible, such as pilots, aircraft crew chiefs, weapons load crew members or jet engine mechanics. In others, it’s not so easy to see, like cooks, personnel troops and information managers.

Question: Whose job is most important to mission success?
A. Security forces
B. Information managers
C. Commanders and first sergeants
D. All of the above (and then some)
Is that your final answer? I hope all of you picked “D.”

Of all the hundreds of officer, enlisted and civilian specialties, not one is any less valuable than the other.

When asked what you do in our Air Force, your first answer should be “I defend freedom and the U.S. Constitution!” Remember your Oath of Enlistment?

Next, you explain your specific duties, their impact on the mission and how the Air Force could not survive without you.

As a new first sergeant assigned to the 325th Services Squadron, I have had the opportunity to experience a whole new side of our Air Force after a full career in aircraft maintenance.

The folks in my squadron have direct impact on the health, fitness, morale and readiness of all personnel here at Tyndall.

Food Service ensures healthy, nutritious meals are available 24 hours a day, every day, to dormitory residents and anyone who comes in to eat.

The fitness center provides the facilities, equipment and events to ensure personnel are physically fit for duty. The physical exercise also benefits mental health by relieving stress.

Lodging provides the ability to house transient and temporary duty assignment personnel as well as ensuring the readiness capability to house augmentation forces.

The readiness section keeps our people prepared to deploy at any time to provide Services support for operations anywhere in the world.

Services provides care for our children, recreational equipment for our play time and quality places to relax. All these things are critical to our mission and enable Tyndall to be the “Home of Air Superiority!” I am incredibly proud of all my people for the tremendous work and support they

provide. Your particular job has a similar link no matter where you work. The key is to know and understand that link.

To find your link, think of it as a chain, similar to your chain of command. For example, the cook prepares a healthy meal that’s eaten by an aircraft crew chief. The crew chief is alert and full of energy from the meal. He services and prepares his aircraft for the next launch. The pilot (who also had a great meal from the flight kitchen) finds his jet in perfect shape and completes a

successful training mission. The pilot graduates and moves on to a combat unit where he is deployed in support of an operation vital to national interests.


In addition, each person’s mind is at ease because their finances are taken

care of, their medical needs have been met, their families are cared for, their records are maintained, etc. The links that combine to provide a successful sortie are nearly endless. Each one of you contributes to that success.

So, whatever your job is, take pride in it and give 100 percent or more! Each one of you is a vital link to the success of our mission here at Tyndall and throughout our Air Force. Be proud. You are defenders of freedom, warriors for the United States of America, trainers of Eagle and Raptor flyers who own the skies, and elite members of the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen. MISSION IMPACT!

All these things are critical to our mission and enable Tyndall to be the “Home of Air Superiority!”





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assignments.

He said both parents must now sign children's passport application forms, unless one parent is unavailable because of geographical separation, divorce or other circumstances. In this case, the parent applying for a child's passport needs a signed letter or statement from the absent parent that provides permission to take the child or children overseas.

Mr. Hotchner said he has already heard of instances where permission letters were faxed from overseas.

Separated or divorced military or DOD civilians with sole custody agreements shouldn't have a problem obtaining passports for their children under the new law, Mr. Hotchner said.

"It is fairly easy if there is a custody order. If one parent has sole custody, then consent from the other parent isn't necessary," he said.

Mr. Hotchner said the new law complements an existing program that allows parents concerned about possible abduction to register a child under age 18 with the State Department's Office of Children's Issues. The custodial parent files a copy of the custody order with the state. Should the noncustodial parent then apply for a passport, it would not be issued, he said.

Ultimately, Mr. Hotchner said, the parents themselves must resolve issues affecting their children's passports.

"We'll take a look at any kind of documentation that an individual parent wants to submit that will help to overcome the presumption that there should be a second parent signing the passport application," he said.

In those instances when one of the parents simply won't consent or participate in the process, "then, they'll have to work it out between themselves and, if necessary, resort to the courts to get it settled," Mr. Hotchner said.



Thinking about getting out?

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Call Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser at 283-2222.

Features

All the fixin's

Staff Sgt. Roel Utley
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

Sporting a spice rack the size of most people's pantry, the Berg-Liles Dining Facility is responsible for serving quality nutritious meals that meet Air Force standards.

Accomplishing that feat is no easy task for Tech. Sgt. Tom Lottridge and Staff Sgt. Earl Peneo, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the dining facility. Using a crew of more than 50 people, the dining facility prepares four meals a day, seven days a week while deploying services teams as part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force. On top of that, they feed an extra 365 ROTC cadets three

meals a day during their summer encampments here. The crew prepares more than two tons of food a week to feed more than 645 people a day.

Managing the program is supposed to become easier as a new Air Force-wide computer system tentatively comes online Aug. 14. The new system enables managers to order supplies, manage money and prepare a menu all on the same system. During the transition, some customers may experience a slight delay at the checkout stand as the cashiers become familiar with the new program.

The new computer system will enable the dining facility staff to continue provide customers quality service.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Roel Utley



Above: Airman 1st Class Laura Alverado, first cook, prepares some carrots for the noon meal at the dining facility. The facility prepares about 150 pounds of food for each meal.

Far left: Airman Alverado collects boiled vegetables in preparation for lunch.

Top left: Airman 1st Class Shenese Bouges gets hamburger buns ready. The food bill for each meal is about \$1,700.

Bottom left: Airman 1st Class Wesley Kirvan receives his inventory.

Airmen receive information that affects future

Senior Airman Russell Crowe
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

The right decision:

It's not always easy to find — and sometimes it's not any easier to make. But fortunately for Tyndall airmen, one decision doesn't have to be as hard as they may think - thanks in part to the Right Decision Seminar. A cutting-edge class that gives airmen all the tools they need to make an informed decision on reenlistment, Tyndall implemented this program in November of 2000.

"This is a program we're running so we can give our troops all the information they need to make their right decision," said Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing Career Assistance Adviser. "Whether they know they want to get out and join the guard or if they're not sure what the next step is going to be — I want to make sure they have all the information to make an informed decision. I don't want folks to get out and ten years from now tell people they made the wrong choice."

That's a fairly common occurrence, according to the chief. Recently, while shopping for a boat, he ended up at the home of a lady who felt like her decision might not have been the right one.

"I'm at a lady's house in the local area looking for a boat," the chief said. "I knocked on her door and as soon as she opened it she was 'eyeballing' me. The first thing she asked was if I was in the military. I told her about the Air Force and what I do. It ends up that she was in the military for eight years working in intelligence, and getting out was a decision she still regrets to this day."

But the chief also realizes that the Air Force isn't for everyone.

"I'm not here to twist anyone's arm," he said. "I'm just giving out the information so people won't make an uninformed decision. And if you get out, hey, great — go to school, use your G.I. Bill, thanks for serving your country. The Air Force only needs to retain a little more than half of its first-term airmen. It is important we keep and retain our best."

The program covers a mix of topics — from education to flying opportunities and from guard/reserve options to forums with troops who separated and came

back on active duty.

Capt. Dwight Minnick, a maintenance officer with the 95th Fighter Squadron, takes time each session to come and talk with airmen about the Air Force and his experiences. An enlisted crew chief and now an officer in the same field — the captain doesn't twist or strong-arm anyone into any decisions. He talks about his decisions, why he made them and why he stays in the Air Force.

"I was enlisted for 13 years and I never saw a program like this one," Captain Minnick said. "I had to dig up all this information for myself. I wish it had been available to me when I was reenlisting. Now that I've received my commission, I use the program as a way to give back to airmen - to the place I came from. I don't preach to anyone, I just give my experiences and tell people what I've gone through to get where I am today."

"You can learn things in this class that you've never heard before," the chief said. "Every class people learn about a benefit they didn't know they had. They learn about ways to get into commissioning programs, retraining opportunities — which a lot of times people think aren't open to them — and the intangible benefits we have in the Air Force. It's easy to take for granted all the things we receive."

And the chief's not joking around. He passes around a flyer that lists what a civilian company would have to give employees to match military benefits. To name a few: low-cost life insurance, a gym and exercise equipment, financial counseling, family support, marital counseling, medical and dental care, a company swimming pool, a company store where items are discounted and a job where the company leaders will tell you how to eventually get their jobs. Civilian companies would have to offer these perks at cost to the employee.

"The class really gave airmen a chance to learn about a lot of benefits they

might not have known about," said Staff Sgt. John Glass, 325th Base Chapel NCOIC of facilities and resource management. "It really offers a different look at the differences between military and civilian life."

For Sergeant Glass — now a second-term airman — the program was beneficial, but not near as much as it would have been four years earlier when he was making his first decision.

"When I was up for my first reenlistment, there wasn't a program like this," he said. "If I had access to this information, I would have done and handled things a little differently. Now with the First Term Airmen Center and the Right Decision program, we're making sure troops get the information they need, so they can handle things at an earlier time in their career."

Getting the information to the troops is catching on as well. The program is receiving praise all across the command.

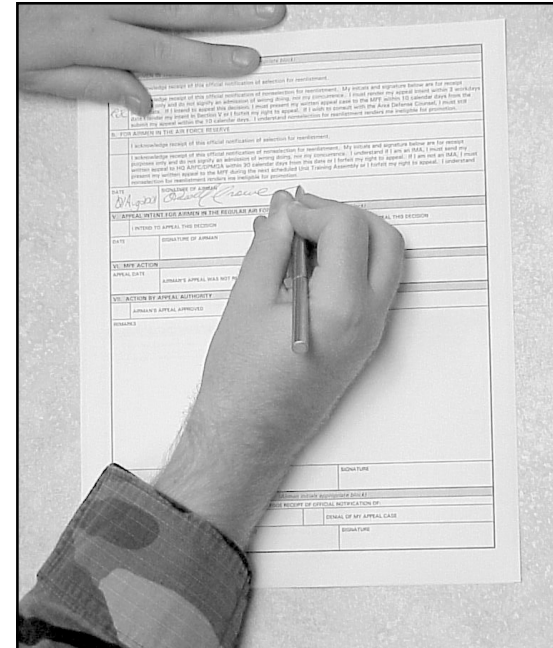
"I had the opportunity to talk with Chief Georgia and a group of airmen in the Right Decision program," said Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan, AETC command chief. "The group, some

first-term and some second-term airmen, are sitting in a window where they have to make a career decision soon. I know the program is giving them the information they need to make an informed decision. I'm glad to see Tyndall doing it. Kudos to the chief and the wing for initiating and running the program."

Whether you know you're getting out, or if you don't know what the

future holds — with the Right Decision program you know you'll be equipped with the tools and information needed to make a decision — the right decision.

If you have any questions on scheduling someone for the Right Decision Seminar, contact the 325th Fighter Wing Career Assistance adviser at 283-2222 or visit the CAA Website.



An airman signs reenlistment paperwork.



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Cox, 83rd Fighter Weapons squadron, combat munitions unit, Master Sgt. Dale Hansen, NCO Academy superintendent, Tech. Sgt. Albert Lewis, Airman Leadership School director of education and Staff Sgt. Shar Jordan, NCOIC, outbound assignments, take an oath of enlistment administered by Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

●From STRESS Page 5

If fatigue makes cowards of us all, then dehydration will beat us into submission. Approximately 43 percent of all Laughlin pilots who experience G-induced loss of consciousness, or GLOC, do so during the months of June, July and August. This trend is probably similar at all flying bases.

The negative effects of dehydration on performance were crystallized while performing an interview on a student pilot who had just suffered a GLOC. Here was a person with no prior history of problems while under Gs. His anti-G straining maneuver is textbook, he maintains his fitness program and he had a full eight hours of sleep the night before. He was not sick and had not self-medicated.

So what could have been the cause of his GLOC? Could it be that he was flying in the T-37 in 95-100-degree heat when his last drink of water was more than 10 hours before he flew? Yes. Reduced G-tolerance due to dehydration was the main causal factor in this student's GLOC.

So what is the fix? First, realize water is a requirement for life. Second, limit caffeine use during the summer months. Caffeine inhibits hydration by increasing urine output. The sugar in a soda negatively affects absorption in the digestive tract, which can cause further dehydration. Finally, drinking water gradually throughout the day helps maintain proper hydration more effectively than guzzling a large amount of water once or twice a day.

The gradual intake of water allows for absorption in the body and helps maintain the proper balance needed to counter the effects of dehydration. The human body does an amazing job of adjusting to the environment; however, prevention is the key to working at peak efficiency and being mission-ready at all times.

New antiterrorism measure changes THREATCONs to FPCONs

Master Sgt. Mike Briggs
AETC public affairs

RANDOLPHAIRFORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) – New antiterrorism standards enacted by the Department of Defense have changed the term “threat condition” to “force protection condition.”

The switch took place when Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld released DOD Instruction 2000.16, DOD Anti-terrorism Standards, June 18.

“These new DOD standards and their associated requirements will significantly enhance DOD’s antiterrorism program posture through proactive measures designed to deter and defend against terrorist acts,” wrote Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in his memo announcing the new antiterrorism instruction.

The change is effective immediately, said Col. Rick Eldard, director of security forces for Air Education and Training Command.

Air Force guidance about antiterrorism and force protection as it pertains to the new DOD instruction is pending, Colonel Eldard said, but he announced the following:

— The definition and required actions for force protection conditions, or FPCONs, Normal, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta remain the same as those used previously for threat conditions, or THREATCONs. Those conditions apply when military installations are in different stages of alert based upon known or unknown terrorism threats.

— Units in the command should change THREATCON status indicators to FPCON

indicators at installation entry points and other applicable locations.

The colonel said enacting the guidance in the new instruction would be a smooth process.

“A lot of it is going to be seamless and we’re not going to see a whole lot of issues in implementing the instruction,” Colonel Eldard said. “The most obvious change people in the base community will see is THREATCONs becoming FPCONs.”

Organizations throughout DOD will comply with the operational aspects of the instruction as it pertains to their units, Colonel Eldard said. He emphasized everyone in the base communities throughout the command must be aware of and involved in the force protection program.

“The change, which just came down from headquarters, is basically happening because FPCON covers a broader spectrum than THREATCON,” said Master Sgt. John Neely, 325th Fighter Wing antiterrorism manager. “FPCON refers to everything - it’s much more all-encompassing now. It still means that there is a threat, but now we’re pointing out that it’s a threat to the entire force.”

“Whether it’s FPCONs or THREATCONs, the program is not a security forces program,” he said. “It is a wing commander program. Antiterrorism and force protection can and will be very successful if we, as a complete Air Force community, do our part.”

For more details, people may access the new DOD instruction at <http://web7.whs.osd.mil/html/200016.htm>.



Airman competes on millionaire show

Judith Crow
*Air University
public affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AETCNS)—Senior Airman Sam Parks had a chance at the big bucks. He was taped for ABC’s television game show, “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.” Although Airman Parks has returned to work, he is under a contractual agreement not to divulge how his show debut went. You can see for yourself how well he performed when the show airs Aug. 19 on ABC.

Airman Parks, an accounting technician with Headquarters Air University Financial Management Accounting Liaison Office, is an accounting major at Auburn University - he said his strength lies elsewhere.

“My strong points are history, geography, political science and I’m pretty good at a lot of pop culture knowledge such as movies and TV shows,” he said.

To help answer questions, Airman Parks said he had lifelines on standby.

“My high school history teacher from West Palm Beach, Fla., is my backup on all of my strong points, just in case I don’t know an answer. A cousin who

graduated with a degree in journalism is my literature lifeline. He is well-read in Greek and Roman mythology. His [cousin’s] father will also be there to help us out,” he said. “I also have a lifeline that will be at a computer, which they consider perfectly legal, and I have a lifeline from work. I have lifelines for my weakest subjects, which are opera, astronomy and classical music. My mother will be my companion to the show. Once you get to the show, you actually have many practice sessions before it is your time to try for the ‘hot seat.’”

Airman Parks said he tried to qualify to be on the show for about eighteen months.

“When the show first started airing, you had to call an 800 number and answer three questions and hope that you got a random call back. I did that for some time, but never got called back and of course, my fellow workers were very skeptical.”

After the show’s producers changed the qualifying process in March, he called and was accepted for an audition test held in New Orleans. The audition consisted of a 30-question written-fastest test like that used in the show for contestants to progress to

the ‘hot seat.’ Those who passed the test went on to the interview phase of the audition while those who failed were disqualified.

“Unfortunately, I did not pass the test. It was a hard test,” he said.

Not passing the first test didn’t stop Airman Parks though.

“I was able to remember the majority of the test, so that if I saw those questions again, I would know the answers the next time. A few weeks later they announced they were having auditions in Tampa, and so I decided to try again. Again, I was lucky enough to get a PIN number and went to Tampa for the audition test in early April.”

The audition test in Tampa turned out to be a reunion of sorts conducted by the show crew who had been in New Orleans. They recognized Airman Parks because he had been given permission to wear his service dress uniform again. This time he passed the test and was able to move to the interview phase of the audition. “I was really excited,” he said.

The show’s interview phase consisted of four contestants playing a mock game of the TV show. The contestants were asked general questions and some

personal questions such as “what were their guilty pleasures,” and “if they were a super hero, who would they be.” They were also given the opportunity to make any “pleas” they wanted to Regis Philbin to get on the show. All those who passed the interview phase were given postcards to fill out and told if they received their postcards in the mail they would be put into the audition players’ pool and would eventually be called to be on the show. Around April 9th, Airman Parks received his postcard in the mail.

The fateful call came at work late one afternoon the last week in June. When the caller identified himself as Greg from ‘Who Wants To Be A Millionaire,’ Airman Parks asked him to hold the line while he announced the call to some of his skeptical co-workers. “I put the phone on hold and shouted, ‘Hey everyone! It’s the call!’” he said. Greg asked him some qualifying questions and once Airman Parks qualified he was scheduled to tape July 9.

And, if he isn’t in the ‘hot seat’ when we see him on the show Aug. 19, he can try again within a two-year period. If he wins, he’ll use his cash for family, education and savings.

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what's going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

Today

Embry-Riddle registration

Today is the last day of summer registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's fall term. Registration hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the education center, Room 49. Class dates are Monday-Oct. 6. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

GCCC office hours

Gulf Coast Community College's Tyndall office will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. today. The office will be closed on Monday.

Contract resources event

Contract Resources and Kimball will be presenting a post NeoCon showing of REASONS in the officers' club. Interested individuals may make a personal appointment by calling (800) 587-0716.

Monday

Anger-control class

A three-session anger-control class will be 1-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 and 20 at the life skills support center. For more information or to register, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets on Mondays. For more information and meeting locations, call 286-5812.

Marriage-enrichment seminar

A marriage-enrichment seminar, "A Christian Approach to Marriage and Family," will be 6-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Building 1476. Chaplain David L. Carter will lead an exploration of scriptural teachings regarding marriage and families. Sessions will include instruction, one-on-one and group discussion and culminate in a renewed commitment to God and to one another. Communion will be served at the final session. To reserve a place at the seminar, call the chapel, 283-2925.

ACSC seminar

The Air Command and Staff College Seminar begins Monday and will run for ten months,

meeting for three hours once a week. The day and time of the seminar is still to be decided by members. Enrolling must be done on Maxwell AFB Form 117, available at the education center. For more information, call Ms. Wanda Kirkpatrick, 283-4285.

Tuesday

Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

Boating skills course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16 boating skills course will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson lecture hall, Room 231. The core portion of the course ends Aug. 14. The cost of the course is \$30 for books. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828, or visit the flotilla Web site at: <http://clik.to/USCGAUXFlotilla16>.

Wednesday

Stress-management class

A three-session stress-management class will be noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 and 22 at the health and wellness center. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

FSU information briefing

An information briefing detailing Florida State University's new master's degree program in computer science with an emphasis in software engineering will be 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the education center, Room 38. Dr. Ken Shaw, Associate Dean of FSU, Panama City campus, and Dr. Sara Stoecklin, Associate Chair of Software Engineering, will discuss the program to all interested personnel. For more information, call Dr. Ken Shaw, 872-4750, extension 123.

Yard Sales

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 3192-A Constellation Circle.

Notes

POW/MIA 24-hour vigil run

Volunteers are needed to fill 15-minute slots in the POW/MIA 24-hour vigil run. Time slots are available between 4:15 p.m. Sept. 20 through 4:15 p.m. Sept. 21. The run will be held at Maxwell flag park and is hosted by the 81st Test Support Squadron. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Matthew Schoch or Senior Airman Caddonna Skepple, 283-2863.

Washington Air National Guard openings

Traditional Air National Guard openings are available at McChord Air Force Base, Washington. Part-time vacancies are also available in NORAD's Western Air Defense Sector. Interested officers may call Major Bruce Stalk, (253) 982-4626, DSN prefix 382, or e-mail: bruce.stalk@wads.mcchord.af.mil. Enlisted members may call Master Sgt. Liz Scott, (253) 512-3368, DSN prefix 370, or e-mail: liz.scott@wataco.ang.af.mil.

GCCC arts faculty needed

The visual and performing arts division of Gulf Coast Community College is seeking adjunct faculty to teach courses in art, music or theater beginning this fall semester. Applicants must have a master's degree, which includes 18 graduate hours in the teaching field. Interested individuals may contact Rosemarie O'Bourke, Division Chair, at 872-3887.

Mardi Gras poster contest

Entries are now being accepted for the Krewe of Massalina Mardi Gras poster con-

test. Entries may be delivered to the Visual Arts Center, 19 East 4th St. through Sept. 1. One \$150 prize will be awarded for the winning design reflecting this year's theme. For specific entry specifications, applications and theme information, call the Mardi Gras hotline number beginning Saturday, (850) 913-8383. The Krewe of Massalina celebration will be held Jan. 26, 2002 at McKenzie Park.

Catholic faith information

The Tyndall Catholic community welcomes anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. For information, call Roxanne Tabo at the base chapel, 283-2925.

Lost and found

The 325th Security Forces Investigation's Lost and Found has jewelry, watches, keys, wallets, pagers, bikes, glasses and automatic teller machine cards in their inventory. Anyone wishing to claim lost property can call security forces, 283-2497, between 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Air National Guard band vacancy

A vacancy exists for a commander/conductor for the 567th Air National Guard Band of the Northeast, a unit of the Massachusetts Air National Guard. This is a traditional Air National Guard position requiring part-time service. For more information, visit the following Web link: www.567band.org/vacancy.asp or call Master Sgt. Peter Gorman, DSN 256-7467 or (888) 301-3103, extension 7467.

Retiree News

IRS payment schedule

As the Internal Revenue Service begins sending out advance payments, IRS officials report that the payments cannot be directly deposited into bank accounts because the account information used during the filing season may no longer be accurate. For example, for thousands of taxpayers who obtained refund anticipation loans, the accounts they designated on their returns are generally closed after the loans are paid off.

The reason for the concern is there are still those who add to their own pockets by taking from others. Despite it being a federal offense, mailbox theft is still common in all parts of the country. Taxpayers expecting the advance payments should make efforts not to let their mail go uncollected overnight and make frequent checks of their mailboxes in accordance with the following schedule:

If the last two digits of your Social Security Number are between 00-09, you should receive your check the week of July 23; 10-19, the week of July 30; 20-29, Aug. 6; 30-39, Aug. 13; 40-49, Aug. 20; 50-59, Aug. 27; 60-69, Sept. 3; 70-79, Sept. 10;

80-89, Sept. 17; and 90-99, Sept. 24.

The 2001 advance payment amount is a maximum of \$300 for a single taxpayer, \$500 for a head of household and \$600 for a married couple filing a joint return. The last checks for those who filed by April will be mailed the week of Sept. 24. Anyone who has not received a check by Oct. 23 may call (800) 829-1040. The IRS cannot follow up before that date. For those who filed later, the treasury will continue to send out checks until late December. For more information, check the IRS Web site at: www.irs.gov.

New retiree Web page

On July 24, the retiree Web page got a facelift. The site can be accessed at: www.tyndall.af.mil/325FW/RAO.htm. In addition to medical links, there are now topics such as travel and leisure, space-A lodging, finance, identification card renewal requirements, how to change addresses and even the Naval Observatory clock. Comments and suggestions can be e-mailed to the retiree activities office at: tyndallrao@worldnet.att.net or made by phone by calling 283-2737.

Base Theater



Today: "The Fast and the Furious" (PG-13, violence, sexual content and language, 107 min.)

Saturday: "Dr. Dolittle 2" (PG, language and crude humor, 88 min.)

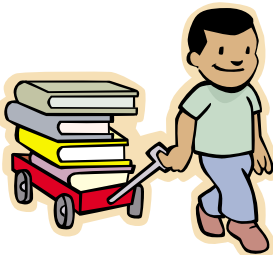
Sunday: "Dr. Dolittle 2"

Thursday: "The Fast and the Furious"

All movies start at 7 p.m.

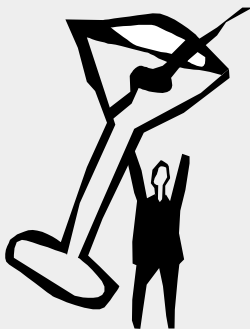
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A wealth of knowledge can be
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Take time to
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children now —
they'll thank you
for it in the
future.

If you think
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problem with
alcohol, call
283-7511.
There is an
on-base
solution.



“Back to School
Festival”

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
August 4 ,2001
Heritage Park

- Bean bag toss
- Face painting
- Food booth
- Fire House
- Volleyball
- Dunkin' booth
- Balloon toss
- 3 legged race
- Egg toss
- Cake-walk
- Limbo
- Dog Show
- Piñata play
- Sac race

Prizes

Contact:
Tech. Sgt. McElroy at 283-7555 or
Ms. Payton at 283-6236

Spotlight



Senior Airman Russell Crowe

Airman 1st Class Douglas Vieira Souza

Squadron: 81st Test Support Squadron
Job Title: Weapons director.
Years in Air Force: 2 years
Time at Tyndall: 1.5 years
Why you joined the Air Force: After graduating from military school, I wanted to experience the real military.
Greatest aspect of your job: Interacting with Eagle and Viper drivers on a daily basis, and with our radar capabilities, the pilots rely on me as a “third wingman.”
Short-term goals: Finish initial qualification training as a weapons director.
Long-term goals: Complete a BS degree in computer engineering.
Favorite book: “Rogue Warrior”
Favorite movie: “1984”
Hobbies and activities: Volunteering in the community, working on my computer and going to the movies.



Funshine NEWS

August 3, 2001

This page is produced by the 325th Services Marketing office, 283-4565.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

School Age Program

Register now for before and after school care.

Group Tennis Lessons

Learn to play in USA Tennis 1-2-3 classes. Open to all ages. sessions run August. 18, 25 and Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Call Andy, 283-4366.

"Kids on Target" - Youth Archery

Learn basic archery skills in a fun, group environment. Program runs Aug. 17, 24, 31 and Sept. 7. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call Andy, 283-4366.

Start Smart Baseball

Is your 3-5 year old ready for organized baseball? Sign them up for "Start Smart Baseball" and participate one-on-one with your child teaching basic skills. Program runs Aug. 16, 23, 30, and Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25. Call Andy, 283-4366.

Base Library

☎ 283-4287

Pre School Story Hour

Tues. 10-10:30 a.m. Open to ages 3-6 yrs.

Book Sale

Aug. 16-19

Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

Lunch Buffets

Tuesday, All you can eat Sirloin Steak
Wednesday, Meat & Potatoes
Thursday, Country Cookin' Buffet
Friday, Seafood

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Traveling?

Visit or call ITT to make unofficial travel reservations, airline tickets, cruises, auto rentals and hotels.

Officers' Club

☎ 283-4357

Coming Attractions All Ranks

Sept 8 - Medieval Banquet

\$300 Club Card Drawing

Every Thursday at the club at 6 p.m.

All Ranks Deluxe Brunch Buffet

Sunday, August 26th • 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Members \$6.95, Non-Members \$8.95 • Kids 6-12 \$3.75, Kids under 6 eat free

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Creamed Chipped Beef, Poached Eggs w/ Corned Beef Hash, Biscuits, Pancakes w/ choice of toppings, Assorted Pastries, Orange & Apple Juice, Coffee, Tea

* Champagne or Bloody Mary's \$2.50 *

Upgrade and include the Sandwich Bar

Members \$3.25, Non-Members \$5.25

Reservations Required
O-Club • 283-4357

Raptor Lanes Bowling Ctr.

☎ 283-2380

Fall Leagues Sign Up Now!

Youth Winter League Registration

August 11 & 18. 9-11 a.m.: Jr. and Sr. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Shooting Stars and Pee Wee. Youth signing up at this time will receive 3 games of bowling, a hotdog and a drink. Call for more info.

Meal Deal Cards

Snack Bar customers who purchase 15 meals at \$2 or more will receive the 16th free and a free game of bowling! (\$5 limit, alcohol not included)

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Pool Hours

Open Swim Wed.-Sun. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Lap swim: Tue. 6:15 - 7:30 a.m.; Wed. - Fri. 6:15 - 7:30 a.m., 11 - 11:30 a.m., 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Sealed Bid Auction

90 hp Johnson Motors. Minimum bid \$500 each. Bids accepted August 3-19. Motors will be marked as individual items. Call Bonita Bay for more information.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

31st Annual Panama City Open Spear Fishing Tournament

August 16-19. Must be a certified diver. Contact Mike Thompson at 871-2698 or D.J. Moore at 871-2624 for tournament information. If your business wants to sponsor the event contact Branda Daniels at 283-4565.

Scuba Lesson Special

Summer Special \$99. Call for details.

All Ranks Membership Appreciation Night

Aug. 9, 6 p.m. at the O-Club.

Plenty of free food

Island drink specials

Prizes, prizes and more prizes!

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Aero Club

Flight Training Center

Stop Dreaming and Start Flying

Current members are eligible to win up to \$3,000.00; new members \$50 + flight time. (June 1 - Sept. 30)

Call 283-4404 for more info.

WWF Summer Slam!

Appearing on pay-per-view

At the Sports Page Pizza Pub

■ Drink Specials

■ \$50 Door Prize*

plus other giveaways

■ FREE Popcorn

■ Pizza Buffet 6-7:30 p.m.

August 19th • 7 p.m.

Tickets \$7 on sale now.

Includes Pizza Buffet

283-3222

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Base Honor Guard Bagpiper Needed

Scheduler Needed:

Full time for one year in the rank of A1C to SSgt send resume by Aug. 18 to TSgt Harp 325 SVS/SVMHG.

Volunteers Needed:

The Honor Guard is a volunteer program that provides active duty and retired members with final military honors as well as contributing to retirements, induction ceremonies, military weddings, cordons, changes of command, and community functions. Interested personnel are encouraged to attend one of the team's practice sessions Wednesdays 1-4 p.m.

**For more information contact
TSgt. Harp at 283-4405**

Fitness Center

Water Outage

August 7 • 7:30-10:30 a.m.

The center will be open during this time.

Tyndall Youth Programs invites all Families to the 2nd Annual

BACK-to-SCHOOL Block Party

Saturday, August 4 • 6-10 p.m.

Outside the center, bldg. 3223 • Live Entertainment with "DJ Walker"
Door Prizes every half hour, Games and Contests, and a whole lot more
Hamburgers 50¢, Hot Dogs 25¢

Things to bring: lawn chairs, blankets

Request that odd # houses bring desserts and even # houses bring salads

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Call 283-4366 for more information.



Sports & Fitness

Softball Standings

Large squadron			Small squadron		
	W	L		W	L
COMM 1	11	1	MXS 1	10	0
OSS	10	2	SFS	9	1
SEADS 1	9	2	82 ATRS	8	2
CES	9	3	CONS	6	4
2 FS	8	3	AFCESA	5	5
IFS	9	4	TW	5	6
95 FS	7	5	TEST	4	5
MSS	6	7	MXS 2	4	6
CONR	4	8	RHS	3	5
TRS Blue	4	8	LSS	3	7
SEADS 2	3	9	FWS 1	3	8
MDG	3	9	FWS 2	0	11
COMM 2	1	12			
TRS Red	1	12			

Varsity basketball try-outs

Active-duty males or females, (DOD Civilian/dependents—women only), interested in trying out for the 2001-2002 Tyndall Tigers or Lady Tigers Varsity Basketball teams may sign up at the fitness center.

Try-outs for the men’s team are scheduled to begin on 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20; try-outs for the women’s team will be determined at a later date.

The Lady Tigers and Tigers are looking to improve on their second and third place respective divisional finish from last season in the highly competitive Southeastern Military Athletic Conference which includes teams from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., Columbus AFB, Miss., Eglin AFB, Fla., Hurlburt Fla., Fla., Maxwell AFB, Ala., Robins AFB, Ga., Moody AFB, Ga. and Ft Benning, Ga.

For more information, contact the fitness center at 283-2631.

Air Force shooter aims for Olympics

Senior Airman Lee Watts
20th Fighter Wing
public affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFPN)—He may be soft-spoken and easygoing, but Warren Kelly has a far more serious side. He spends hours each day honing his skills as a “master” marksman with hopes of earning a spot on the 2004 U.S. Olympic team.

At the 2001 USA National Shooting Championships recently in Atlanta, he placed sixth in the air pistol category and eighth in free pistol. However, he has been doing well in shooting competitions for years.

In 1995, he was the National Rifle Association’s national champion. Plus, Kelly — a technical sergeant with the 20th Component Repair Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base — has captured South Carolina’s state championship six times, including this year.

Both air pistol and free pistol shooting are Olympic events. Kelly said he believes he has a real chance at making the U.S. team for the games in Athens, Greece.

Right now, Kelly’s

chances look good. In one free pistol match, he out shot world record holder and 2000 Olympian Bill Demarest. Furthermore, the national team coach, Eric Buljung, who won the men’s silver medal at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, has taken an interest in Kelly’s shooting development.

To help work toward his Olympic goal, the jet engine craftsman plans to apply for the Air Force’s World Class Athlete Program this fall. If selected, the Air Force will send him to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado to train full time with Buljung to prepare for the 2004 Olympic team selection matches.

Of course, getting to such a high level of competition did not happen overnight. “I’ve been competing for 10 years, but have been shooting since I was a kid,” Kelly said. “My dad is the one who got me started, and he still shoots competitively.”

To maintain and continue to improve his skills, Kelly practices two hours daily. About a month out from a big match, he bumps it up another hour.

When comparing his air



Senior Airman Lee Watts

Warren Kelly has his sights on making the 2004 U.S. Summer Olympic team. The technical sergeant from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., recently placed sixth in the USA National Shooting Championships’ air pistol competition.

and free pistol skills to the M-16 rifle or M-9 pistol Kelly said, “It’s like apples and oranges. The triggers have more recoil and the weapons weigh more. I’ve got a lot of respect for the guys who can bust a good score with those weapons.”

And while Kelly is proficient in both Olympic events, he noted the shooting disciplines do have their differences.

In air pistol competition, shooters use .177 caliber pistols — air or gas powered — to fire lead pellets at targets 10 meters away, with the bull’s-eye diameter being only .45 of an inch. Participants must take 60 shots in one hour and 45 minutes in the first round, while taking 75 seconds for each of 10 shots in the final round.

In free pistol competition, competitors shoot specially modified .22 caliber pistols from 50 meters away at bull’s-eyes with a 2-inch diameter. Shooters must fire 60 shots in two hours during the first round, while 75 seconds are allotted for each of 10 shots in the final round.

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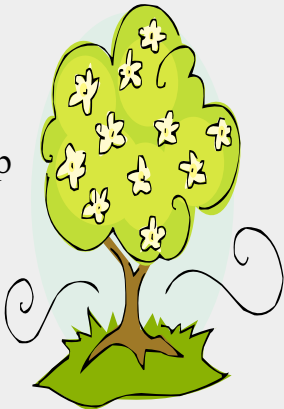
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Felix Lake

Staff Sgt. David Scott & Mrs. Charlotte Scott
3571 Vosler Court

Shoal Point

Chief Master Sgt. Homer Stevens
2328 Grant Drive



Communication vital during a hurricane; know who to call

Contingency phone number: (877) 529-5540 — This toll-free number is used to disseminate critical information during contingencies such as hurricanes. Use the contingency phone number to keep informed of a situation’s current status.

Duty information number: (800) 896-8806 — Use this toll-free number to contact Tyndall for return-to-duty information and status of the base.

Air Force Personnel Center: (800) 435-9941 — A military member can call this number to report their location during the evacuation and receive further instructions.

There will be a water outage 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday for repairs at the fitness and sports center.

For questions, contact Staff Sgt. Christine Lynk at 283-2631.

Tyndall classifieds

Futon, tan cover and black cushion with pine frame, good condition, \$150. Stroller, blue and white, clean and works well, \$10. Call Roy at 286-8642.

